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ULTRASONIC SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find Form PTO/SB/08A, listing documents cited in a corresponding Japanese patent application and copies of the documents cited therein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the fee of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith.

The following Statement is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.


To the extent that the enclosed references are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the referenced English language equivalent of JP 02-280739 (U.S. Patent No. 5,050,226) and JP 11-197151 (U.S. Patent No. 5,961,461).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 520.42926X00).

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